# **Minutes**

Talbot County Board of Elections 215 Bay Street Easton, MD 21601 February 3, 2021

#### Present:

#### **Board**

Joseph Secrist, President (R)
Walter Black (D)
Richard Bulman (R)
Wadella Thomas (R)

#### Staff

Jeri Cook, Election Director

### **Public**

None

A Special meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on February 3, 2021. Due to restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, the meeting was held by videoconference and teleconference. The public was invited to listen by conference call and advised via the Board website and on the agenda of the procedure to do so. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present.

## Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda. Mr. Bulman moved approval of the agenda. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Old Business**

#### a. Budget FY2022

Subsequent to the approval of a budget request for FY2022 by the Board, Ms. Cook received requested budget amounts from the State Board of Elections staff. Previous to the meeting, Ms. Cook provided the Board Members with a draft revised budget reflecting possible increases in staff salaries and voting equipment lease expenses, plus

increases in FICA and Workers Compensation. Ms. Cook summarized the changes and responded to questions. Following discussion, Mr. Black moved approval of a revised budget request in the amount of \$701,672. Mr. Bulman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

# Confirmation of the next meeting

Mr. Secrist noted that the next regular meeting of the Board will be Wednesday. February 17, 2021 at 9:39 a.m.

## Adjournment

Mr. Black moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Attested,

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President

Richard B. Bulman, Secretary